

Civil Society Steering Committee Monthly Call

13 May 2020 | 8:00-9:00 EST / 14:00 - 15:00 CET

List of Participants

Attendees

María Baron, Asma Cherifi, Helen Darbshire, Aidan Eyakuze, Delia Ferreira Rubio, Robin Hodess, Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Lucy McTernan, Elisa Peter, Zuzana Wienk

Support Unit

Tonu Basu, Paul Maassen, Jaime Mercado, Maia Koytcheva

Apologies

Glynnis Cummings-John, Giorgi Kldiashvili

Summary

The full agenda for the call can be found [here](#).

CS SC Statement Feedback & Next Steps

Overall support for the reach and success of the statement was expressed, together with a desire to disseminate it further in a strategic way. A group of CS SC members will convene to explore that, together with the SU. Maria to lead.

Open Response | Open Recovery

The SU updated on the campaign and offered big thanks to the Civil Society members of the SC for their deep engagement in the OR+OR campaign overall. CS SC members authored op-eds ([here](#) and [here](#)) in collaboration with Apolitical, provided organizational and individual input into the [Guide to Open Gov and Coronavirus](#) by sharing [country examples](#) and reviewing modules, produced and disseminated resources for the wider community, moderated engaging conversations during the [Digital Forum](#) week, and so far collected over 300 signatures on the [statement](#) pushed forward by this group. For its part, the cohort applauded the quick and collaborative work with the Support Unit that made the Digital Forum a success. Details on upcoming regional calls under the umbrella of the campaign will be shared by the SU as they come in.

Digital Week Stats

- 1,000 + individuals and organizations have used the campaign hashtags and nearly 7,000 have engaged in these messages.
- The [opening webinar](#) in collaboration with Apolitical had 750 registrants and a high of 380 participants, a majority of new audience.
- There were 1300+ registrants across five thematic webinars, with over 800 participants from 115 countries.



- A webinar hosted by Maria and the OpEN Network on parliaments going digital during the pandemic ("[Parliaments and Pandemics: Going virtual and staying open in the COVID-19 age](#)") reached 120 participants.

CS SC Rotation

The Selection Committee got together on 8. May to decide on a shortlist of eligible candidates. The shortlist has been published on the [OGP website](#) and will be shared with the civil society community in the coming days. All candidates will be interviewed in the next stage and public webinars will be held in mid-June.

Government SC Elections

Voting for the three seats on the government side closes on May 25. There are four candidates running (Canada, Italy, Kenya, and the UK). Due to the regional balance system, Canada and Kenya will be elected regardless of the voting results. However, there is only one seat available in the Europe region for either Italy or the UK. Learn more [here](#).

Berlin Retreat Follow-Up

The cohort agreed to review the [list of action items discussed in Berlin](#). Maria will lead on that effort and a more detailed agenda item is to be included in the June call.

Action Items

- The statement will be shared with the [government points of contacts](#) with a message from Robin.
- A meeting with the support unit to discuss further dissemination steps for the statement will be set up.
- The cohort requested a more in-depth discussion of the Agile Response Mechanism. An update will be included in the May SC Update, and if desired the June CS SC call can focus in more detail on the response mechanism.
- The cohort suggested a review of the subcommittee work plans in light of Covid-19. This is to be discussed and decided by each subcommittee.
- Maria to lead the review of the [list of Berlin action items](#).

